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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

John Ostendorf, R-518

Dear fellow sales tax token collectors,

I hope this letter finds you well. My last letter was not the kind I like to write, but the response to it was incredible. I am pleased to report that this will not be the final print issue of the ATTS Newsletter thanks to the generous donations of our members and also having some members agree to migrate to the electronic-only edition of the ATTS Newsletter.

Jim should have a list of donors as part of his Treasurer's report, but I wanted to also thank these donors who stepped up when the ATTS looked like it might be closing its doors. We had very generous donations from Michael Lampert, Gerald Fisher, Jerry Schimmel, Gene Wood, George Van Trump, Pascal Brock, and Fred Holzel.

I would still like to see more members switch to electronic-only. The board will be reviewing our dues structure to make sure we are aligning the cost of the printed Newsletter with the cost of membership for our members who want a printed copy. That is easier said than done for an organization without much in savings. Our main costs with the printed edition are the cost of printing, envelopes, and stamps. The cost of these items increases unexpectedly and without warning. Rumor has it that the USPS will be raising prices for a second time in 2021 in late August.

On the brighter side, one of the best parts of my job is awarding the Literary Award. After consultation with the board, we have decided the 2020 Literary Award goes to Joe McCarthy for his article, "How I Got Started In This Obsession". Joe will receive an award certificate and a R-10 MO counterstamped with his award. Thank you, Joe, for an excellent article!

Also, I had the pleasure of visiting with Raybon Gilbert a few weeks ago. He was in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas visiting his sister and we had a chance to talk about sales tax tokens and knock down a couple of beers. It's always great to visit with fellow STT collectors. I had intended on attending the ANA convention but had to cancel. Maybe next year. Whether you are in Arkansas or at a coin show, if we're in the same town, I would like to meet you!

Happy collecting,
John

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Send your own questions, comments, corrections, or information to:

[BILL at: Wimhands@gmail.com](mailto:Wimhands@gmail.com)

We are dealing with financial constraints and want to thank those that have converted to a digital newsletter. I want to thank the members who have stepped up to help the ATTS. I want to thank, Michael Lampert, George Van Trump, Gerald Fisher, Jerry Schimmel, Gene Wood Pascal Brock and Fred Holzel for their donations of cash and material to help keep the ATTS solvent. If I missed any donation by other members, please let me know so you can be publicly thanked. This is not a time to be modest.

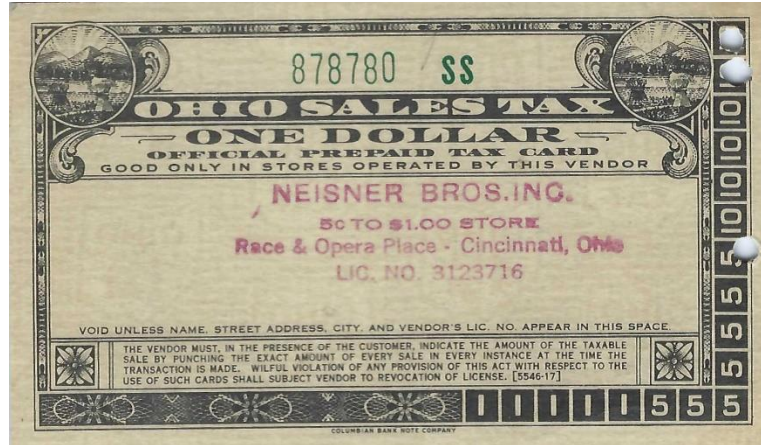
As we emerge from the pandemic coin shows are starting to be held. Member Paul Cunningham submitted a notice for a token show in Englewood, Ohio on October 22 and 23. The ad is in the newsletter so consider making plans to attend.

I found an Oklahoma 5 mills S6 token with multiple errors from deteriorating dies and is described in this issue. There are tokens out there waiting to be found.

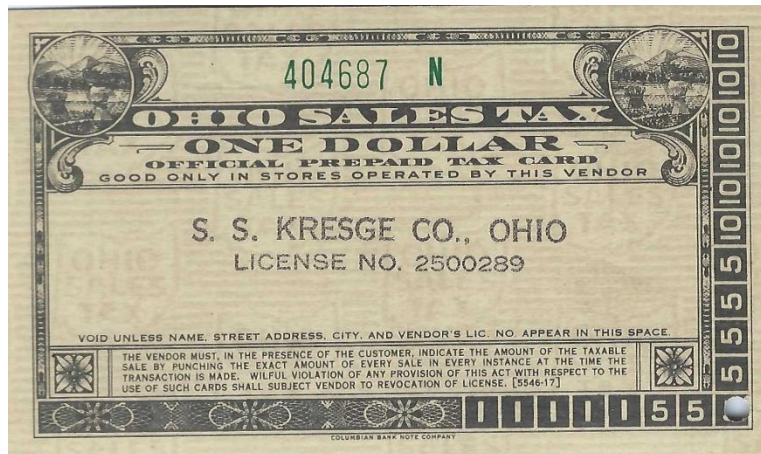
I still need articles and would like to hear from other members about their experiences in sales tax token collecting. Please send me a note for the next issue.

JOHN PHIPPS (R557) WRITES: BTW...you did not mention public libraries as an alternative to getting & printing the newsletter. Here in Dekalb County, GA, if you have a library card, you can use one of their many computers and allow a few pages of printing at no charge and a small charge above that limit. Probably most other public libraries do the same.

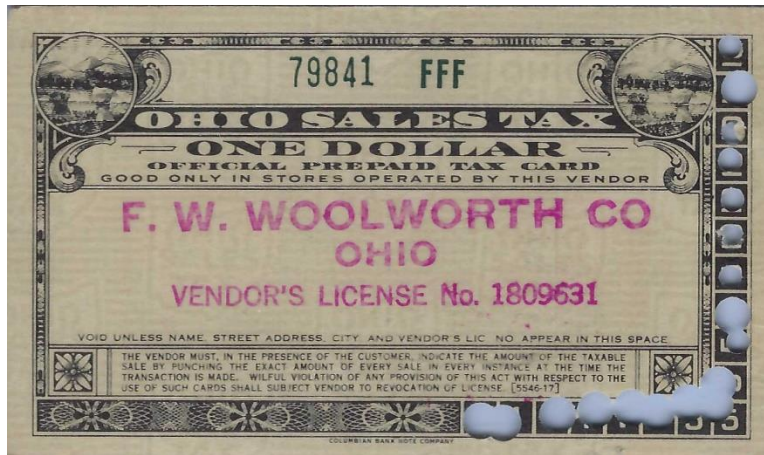
JOSEPH MCCARTHY (L-616) WRITES: Here are some recent purchases.



The SPC2 NSB3 had an opening bid of \$0.99, shipping \$1.24, it closed for \$48.55



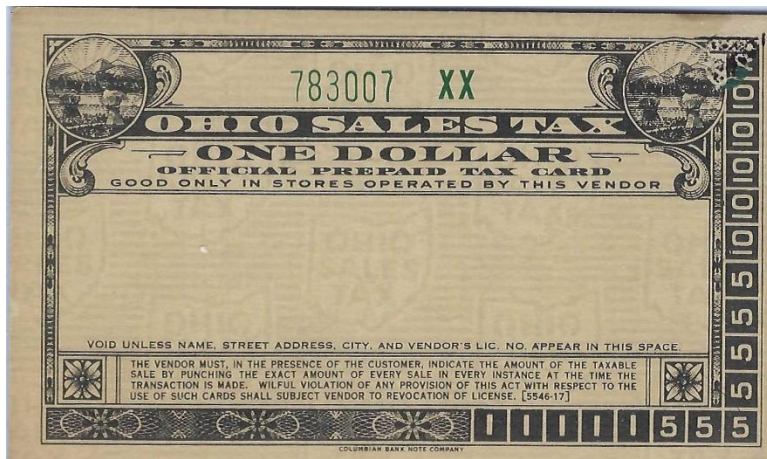
The SPC2 SSK had a starting bid of \$5.00, plus \$0.75 shipping - OR Make an Offer. I offered \$32.00, which was refused. I went back with an offer of \$57.00 which was accepted.



The SPC2 FWW had a starting bid of \$7.50, plus \$0.75 shipping - OR make an offer. I offered \$57.00, which was refused. I then made an opening bid. I was successful at \$43.70.



The NC L18A had a starting bid of \$8.50, plus \$1.50 shipping. I won the bidding, what bidding, at \$8.50.



I just received this SPC2 card. Bidding started at \$6.50, plus \$0.75 shipping. I acquired it for \$33.55, plus \$0.75 shipping.



I just received the attached OH SPC5-SSK card in the mail. It was another - Starting bid \$6.50, plus \$0.75 shipping, or Best Offer. I offered \$32.00. The Seller countered with \$35.00 and I accepted. Not in the best condition, but it filled a space.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are emailing me, I would greatly appreciate it if you would supply **your full name** and membership number. I have received an email from “Jack” and I don’t recognize the name off-hand or the email address either. So in order for me to list it here I have to go through my entire email address book looking for “Jack”. Likewise, if you don’t include your return address on a snail mail, please give me your full name on the written enclosure. Thanks for saving me a little time. I do appreciate EVERY contact but this identification would also be appreciated. **My sincere thanks, as always.**

JERRY SCHIMMEL (F3, H7) WRITES:

Dear Bill and Members of the American Tax Token Society:

I had no idea that ATTS was coming up on its 50th Anniversary so I want pass on my tidings to you, John Ostendorf and all the other members. I see that Tim Davenport is on your list of active officers. I remember him asking me for one of the Oregon anti-Sales Tax pins so long ago that I can't remember when. I had a cigar box of them, about half full. He was just getting started and proved to be an intelligent and thoughtful leader - just like all the others.

I just wanted to say how proud I am to have had the chance of organizing the first newsletters, though the work was done mostly by Ernie Altvater. I have no idea where he is these days.

However, the start-up thinking was not all mine especially with Mike Pfefferkorn, and most importantly with Jerry Bates of St. Charles, Missouri, who pushed the idea of organizing a corresponding society.

After I went on to other things I was impressed over the years of the talented leadership and authors who chose to be members of ATTS. Your current president, John Ostendorf, is one of a long line outstanding leaders.

For me, I'm getting along in years, so don't do an awful lot with collecting, but I still have a few odds and ends from other fields in long, double-row boxes piled high in my closet.

I wish you all the best for the next fifty years.

Jerry F. Schimmel



OKLAHOMA 5 MILLS S6 ERROR TOKEN

By William Myers R570

The only sources of sales tax tokens where I live are the junk boxes in the local coin shops. They are usually thrown into the box of world coins. I will glance at the tax tokens but they usually they get put back as they are common. I recently picked up an Oklahoma brass 5 mills token (S6) that caught my attention. On the obverse there is a line going across the bottom from about 3 o'clock to 7 o'clock. Originally, I thought it was just a die crack but there is a step off as it represents a die crack with subsidence of part of the die. On the reverse there are die cracks at 2 o'clock and 10 o'clock. There is a die crack with subsidence through the top of the L on OLD. At the bottom there another die crack with an internal cud at the edge of the circle. The crack is sunken on the left and raised on the right which means this piece of the die is tilted. The obverse and reverse dies are failing, and the reverse die looks like it is heading a catastrophic failure.

Sales tax tokens need to be produced cheaply and I am sure quality was not a major concern and using the dies for as long as possible would save money. I am sure this is not an uncommon error and it does not have a great value but it reveals something about the production process.



TOKEN & MEDAL SHOW!!

IKO-TAMS TOKEN & MEDAL SHOW

Friday Oct. 22 (noon to 6PM) and Saturday Oct. 23 (10 AM to 5PM)

Good For, Civil War and transportation tokens, Medals, Worlds Fairs, Pocket Mirrors, Advertising Items, Encased Coins, Badges, Ribbons, Space, Canada, Lincoln, Washington and Political, Coal, Doggie Tags, Wooden money, Tax tokens and lots of other exnumia.

The show will be at the American Legion Hall # 707, on highway 40 (200 W. National Rd.) in Englewood, Ohio, north of Dayton.

Free admission and a \$25 door prize every hour!

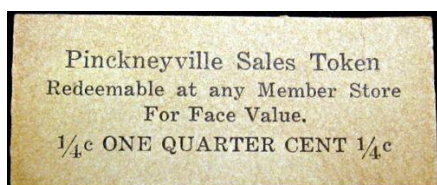
Small but serious auction at 4PM Saturday.

As of July 1, attendance is covid-19 proof; bring your vaccine card or masks! If the state of Ohio drops masks for the show, we will know, and you can find out by calling Paul Cunningham at 517-902-7072.

Dealers may set up eight foot tables at \$70 each (\$60 each for extra Tables); call or write for application from Paul Cunningham, P.O. Box 1, Tecumseh, MI 49286, 517-902-7072.

Sales Tax Tokens Online

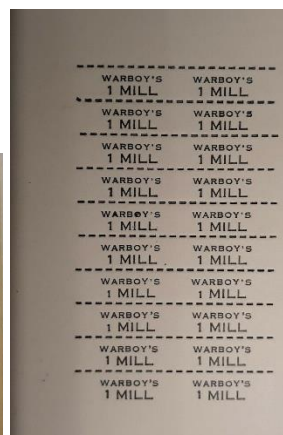
ALL PRICES LISTED ARE WITH POSTAGE IF POSTAGE WAS CHARGED



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9MAY2021



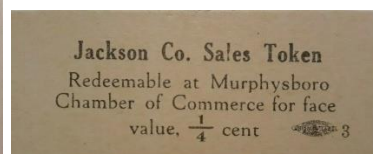
IL Geneseo 1/4¢ \$89.50
11MAY21



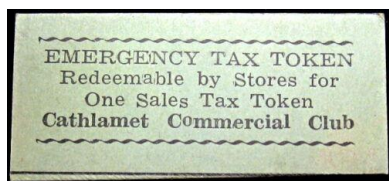
CA Warboy's 1 mill
\$11.02 11MAY21



CA Leighton Dairy Lunches sales tax on a purchase of 5 cents
\$41.39 11MAY21



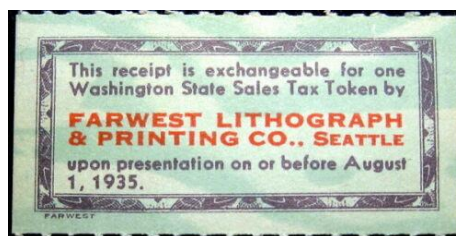
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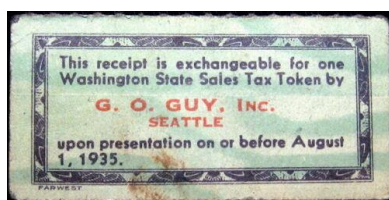
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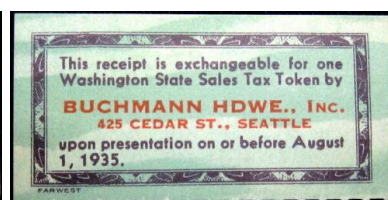
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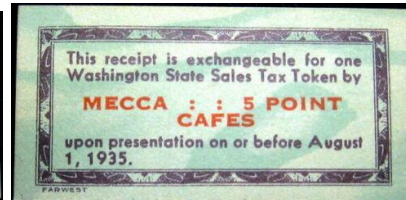
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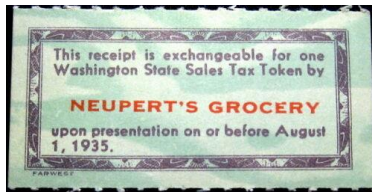
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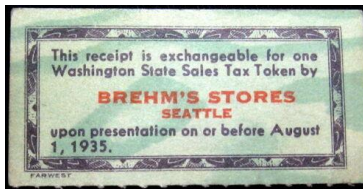
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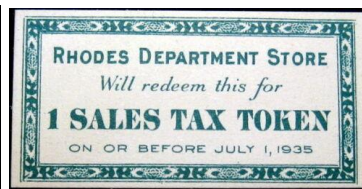
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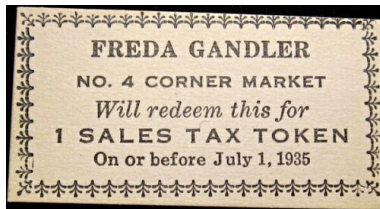
WA Seattle Neupert's
Grocery \$15 11MAY21



WA Seattle Brehm's Stores
\$13 11MAY21



WA Seattle Rhodes Dept
Store \$7.75 11MAY21



WA Seattle Freda Gandler
\$14.22 11MAY21



1% Simplicity Tax Offer accepted
(<\$19.99), 13MAY21 \$9.50 5JUN21 19MAY21
\$9.95 23JUN21



MI 1.5¢ pattern \$73.50



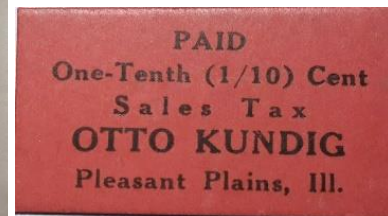
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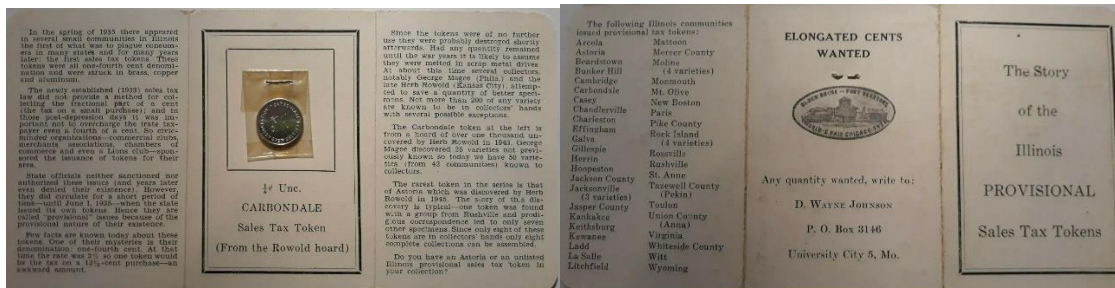
MI Tax License X 3
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KY 1¢ \$12.39
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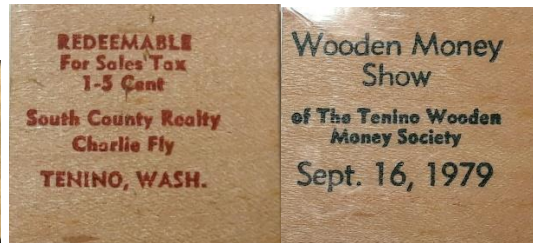
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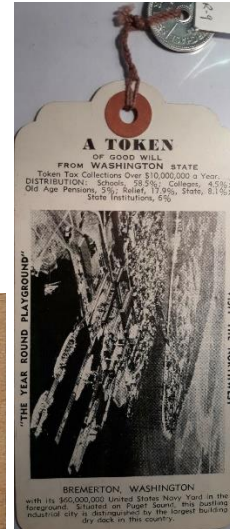
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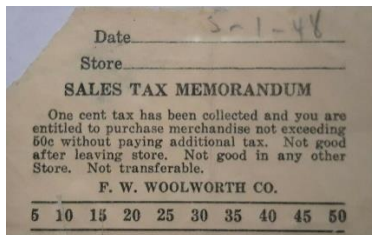
WA Spokane 3% \$8.99
25MAY21



WA Tenino 1/5¢ Wooden Money Show
1979 \$29.89 28MAY21



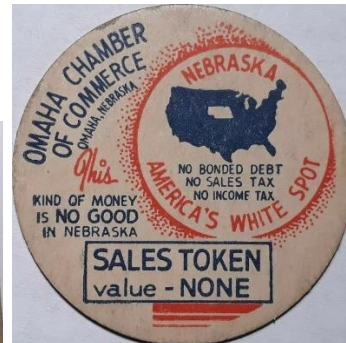
WA token & card
\$51.45 28MAY21



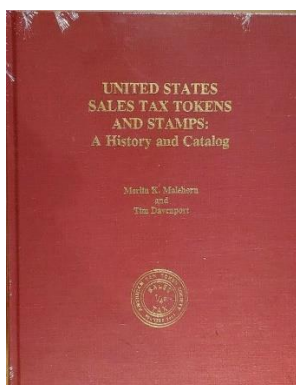
WV Charleston \$48.39
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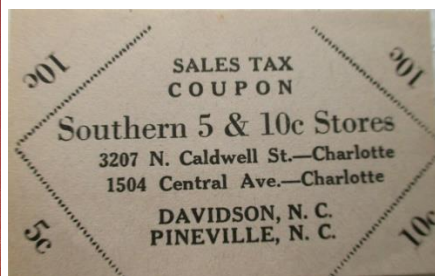
UT unopened box 1 mill
X 500 \$41.36 28MAY21



NE sales tax related
\$37.05 28MAY21



M&D \$50.13 4JUN21



NC Southern 5&10¢ \$52 6JUN21



NC Rose's 5-10-25¢ Stores \$58.39
15JUN21



CA White Log Tavern sales tax on 5¢ X8 \$24 15JUN21



IL Galva 1/4¢ L39 \$3 22JUN21



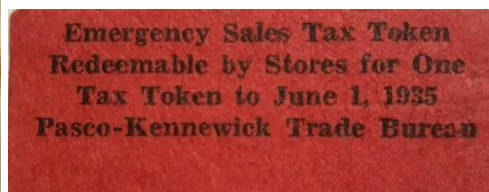
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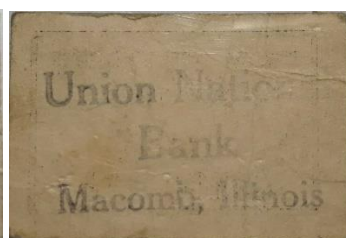
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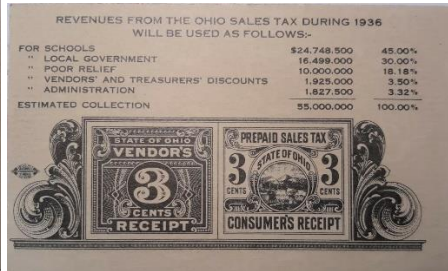
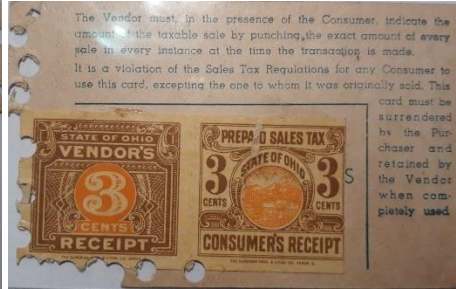
IL Roanoke 1/4¢ L86 \$3 21JUN21



WA Pasco-Kennewick One TT \$26.65 24JUN21



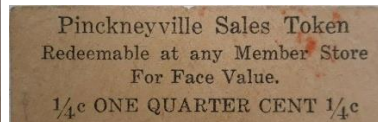
IL Macomb Restaurant Association \$214.69 24JUN21 NM 5 mill fiber \$52 24JUN21



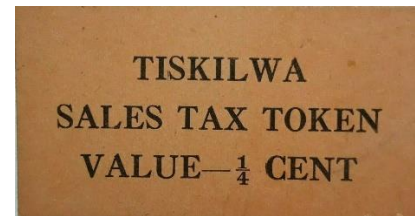
WA 1/5¢ uncut strip NE anti-tax sticker \$22 4JUL21
\$308.50 4JUL21



OH Bellbrook punch card
\$107 4JUL21



IL Pinckneyville 1/4¢ L74c
\$22 4JUL21



IL Tiskilwa 1/4¢ \$122.89
14JUL21



CA White Log Tavern tax on 5 cents \$49.39 4JUL21



OK S11 roll \$41.50 14JUL21



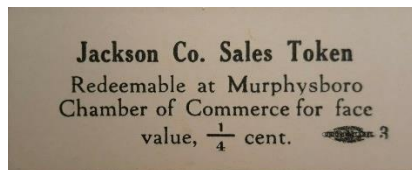
MO 1 mill stamped
Good in L.A. 1936
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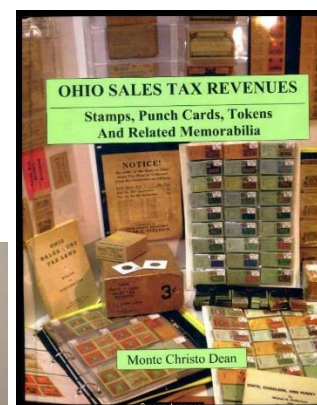
MO 5 mills stamped
Chicago 18JAN36
\$109.89 14JUL21



OH Woolworth punch card
\$79.20 14JUL21



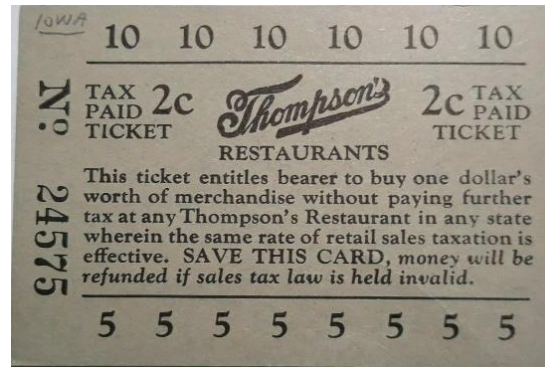
OH Murphysboro 1/4¢ Jackson Co. \$24 14JUL21



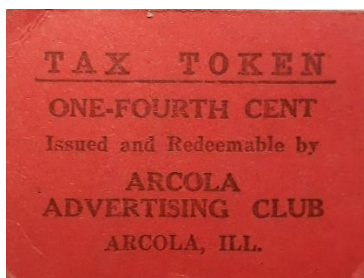
Monte Dean OH book
\$105 16JUL21



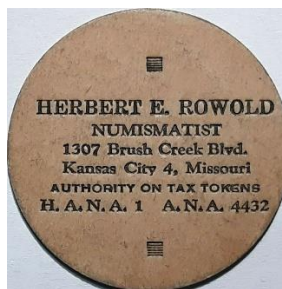
IL El Paso 1/4¢ \$12.99 19JUL21



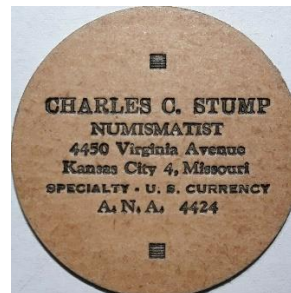
IL Thompson's 2 cents L33 \$242.70 22JUL21



IL Arcola 1/4¢ \$93.39 22JUL21



MO 1 mill stamped Rowold \$25 22JUL21



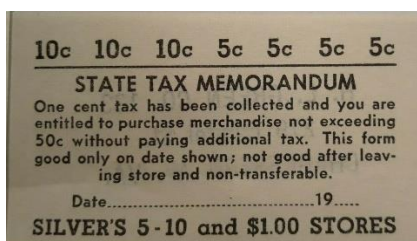
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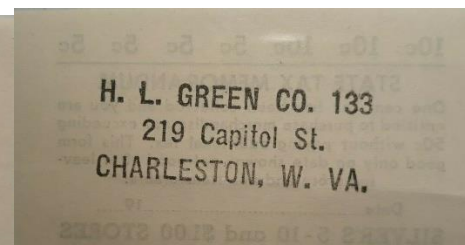
OH punch card S2 \$49.50 22JUL21



MI 15 cents \$71.39 2AUG21



WV Charleston 1 cent Silver's 5-10 & \$1 \$123.89 2AUG21



OH tax stamp pads X 25 \$31.67 2AUG21



CA Leighton tax on 20 cents \$60.39 2AUG22



MO 500 1 mill box \$25.49 2AUG21



WA Tenino 1/5¢ \$43.09 3AUG21



OH SS Kresge Co. \$22 6AUG21



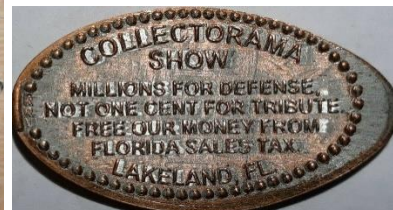
OH 1, 2, 3 cents pads (3 each) \$26 9AUG21



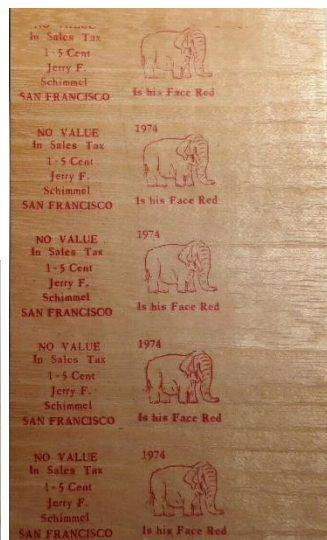
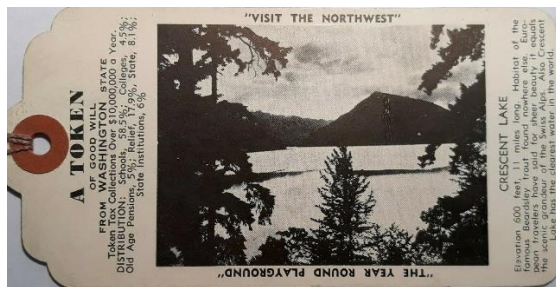
IL La Moille 1/4¢ \$25.55 10AUG21



OH SS Kresge \$36.20 10AUG21



FL elongated cent Collector-rama \$4.49 10AUG21



WA token & card O20C \$63.38 10AUG21 CA SF Schimmel 1/4¢ sheet \$26 10AUG21

NE anti-tax sticker \$41.75 10AUG21

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SECRETARY/TREASURER'S NOTES

Jim Calvert R-533

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Any questions or information needed please give me an email at
jnlcalvert@gmail.com or call 805-540-8778.

FINANCIAL REPORT

May 1, 2021 – June 5, 2021

Beginning Balance	05/01/2021				\$391.65
Balance	05/31/2021	Expenses \$201.61	Income 0	Ending Balance	\$190.04
Balance	06/30/2021	Expenses \$0	Income \$398.75	Ending Balance	\$588.79
Balance	07/31/2021	Expenses \$0	Income \$33.50	Ending Balance	\$622.29

DONATIONS: Gene Wood, Michael Lampert, George Van Trump, Gerald Fisher, Jerry Schimmel, Pascal Brock and Fred Holzel. All donations are very much appreciated.

The balance for June covers the cost of the last newsletter. As usual, this report does not include the cost of this newsletter because that cost cannot be known until after this statement is made. We are in scritical financial shape. Thanks to all who have made a donation.

DONATIONS: All the donations are appreciated very much and help keep us from needing to raise future dues even with increased postal rates and coping costs. Life members, it is okay if you want to make a donation.

ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT

July 31, 2021

NEW MEMBERS: Terence Caldwell

DROPS: none

MEMBERSHIP: 59 paid + 6 donated

CONTRIBUTIONS WANTED

TRADING POST

Deadline for Issue #195 November 5, 2021

RULES:

CLASSIFIED All members may place a classified advertisement **free of charge** and may change it every issue if they wish. No limitations on word count as long as it stays within reason.

FOR SALE ITEMS: (1) Up to ten items (lots) per issue per member. (2) Fixed prices only - no trades or auctions. (3) Members may offer a fixed price WITH an Or Best Offer option if they desire to do so. (4) Sellers must list a preferred contact and type of payment accepted (Checks, Money Orders, Pay Pal), as well as postage costs, if any. (5) Sellers must accept returns on all sales for 10 days after customer's date of receipt. (6) Refunds to the customer do not include their return postage costs. (7) Each lot may include up to three photos. (8) **10% of all sales** must be paid to Jim Calvert for the ATTS on an honor basis. Be SURE to let Jim know why you are paying him those funds when you send them. (9) Editor reserves the right to refuse or refine any For Sale Lot. I can't actually think why that would ever happen.

If you want to place an ad please contact me at wjmhands@gmail.com.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: United States Sales Tax Tokens and Stamps: A History and Catalog, by Malehorn and Davenport. New copy, fresh shrink wrap, comes with ten different sales tax tokens, including one stamp and one 1/4 cent provisional from Illinois. Supreme mailer, half price \$25, postpaid. Paul Cunningham, P.O. Box 1, Tecumseh, MI 49286. **** 7th time****

FOR SALE: Schimmel's U.S. State-Issued Sales Tax Tokens, 2nd ed., 1980; new, \$5, postpaid. Or, free with purchase of the Malehorn-Davenport book offered above. Paul Cunningham, P.O. Box 1, Tecumseh, MI 49286 ****4rd time****

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